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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BERLIN GERMANY PORTION OF NATO COMMUNIQUE AGREED

AT DECEMBER 8TH QUADRAPARTITE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON BERLIN:

BEGIN TEXT: IN CONNECTION WITH GERMANY AND BERLIN, MINISTERS
REVIEWED THE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE THEIR LAST
MEETING IN MAY 1976.

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MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEMSELVES SATISFIED WITH THE PRO-

GRESS WHICH HAD BEEN POSSIBLE IN MATTERS RELATING TO BERLIN ON THE BASIS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT DURING THE FIVE YEARS SINCE ITS SIGNATURE. IN PARTICULAR THE AGREEMENT HAD SIGNIFICANTLY ALLEVIATED THE LIVES OF MANY GERMANS.

MINISTERS CONFIRMED THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO THE SECURITY AND VIABILITY OF BERLIN. THESE REMAINED ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF WESTERN POLICY, AND OF DETENTE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. THEY NOTED THE NEED FOR BERLIN FULLY TO BENEFIT FROM ANY IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH ITS TIES TO THE FRG AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED IN THE QA.

MINISTERS EMPHASIZED THAT THE QA WAS PART OF A GREATER BALANCE OF INTERESTS WHICH HAD, TO A VERY GREAT DEGREE, MADE POSSIBLE AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN EUROPE. THEY NOTED THAT THIS PROCESS WOULD BE PLACED IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY IF ANY OF THE SIGNATORIES FAILED FULLY TO OBSERVE THE COMMITMENTS WHICH IT UNDERTOOK IN THE QA. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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